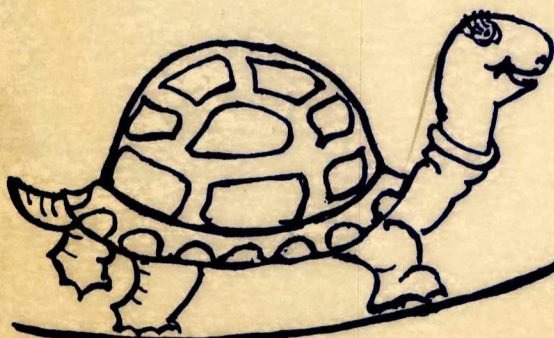


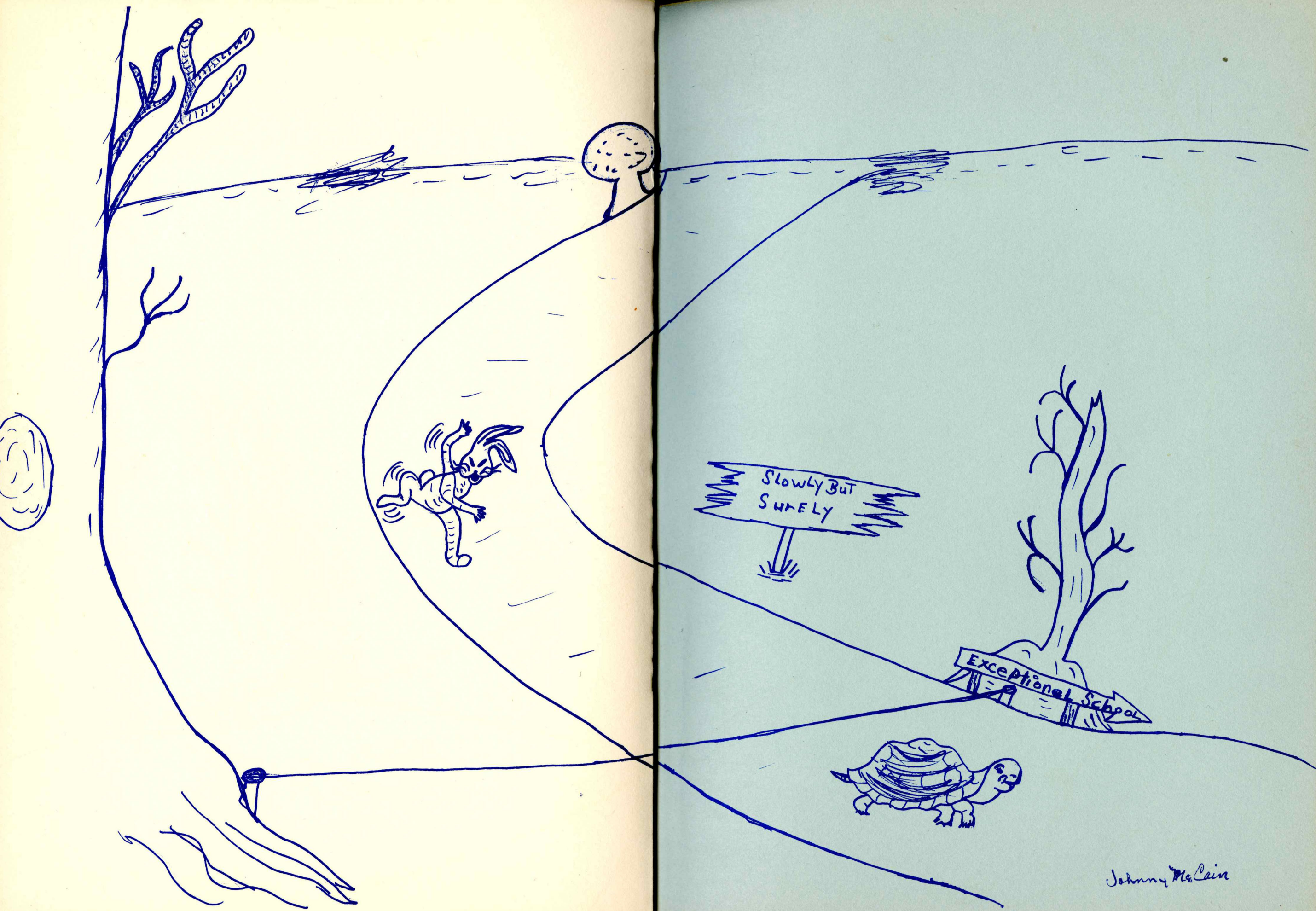


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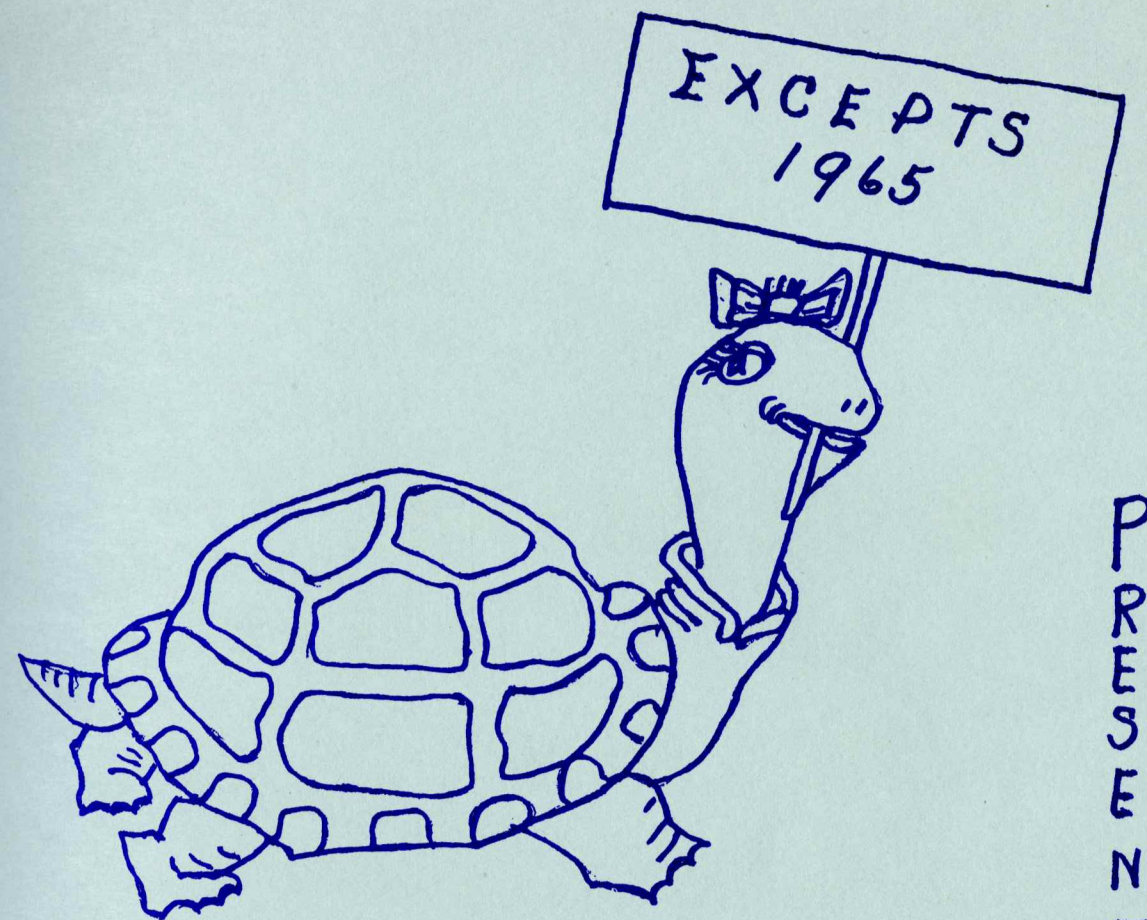


Slowly But  
Surely

Exceptional School

Johnny McCain





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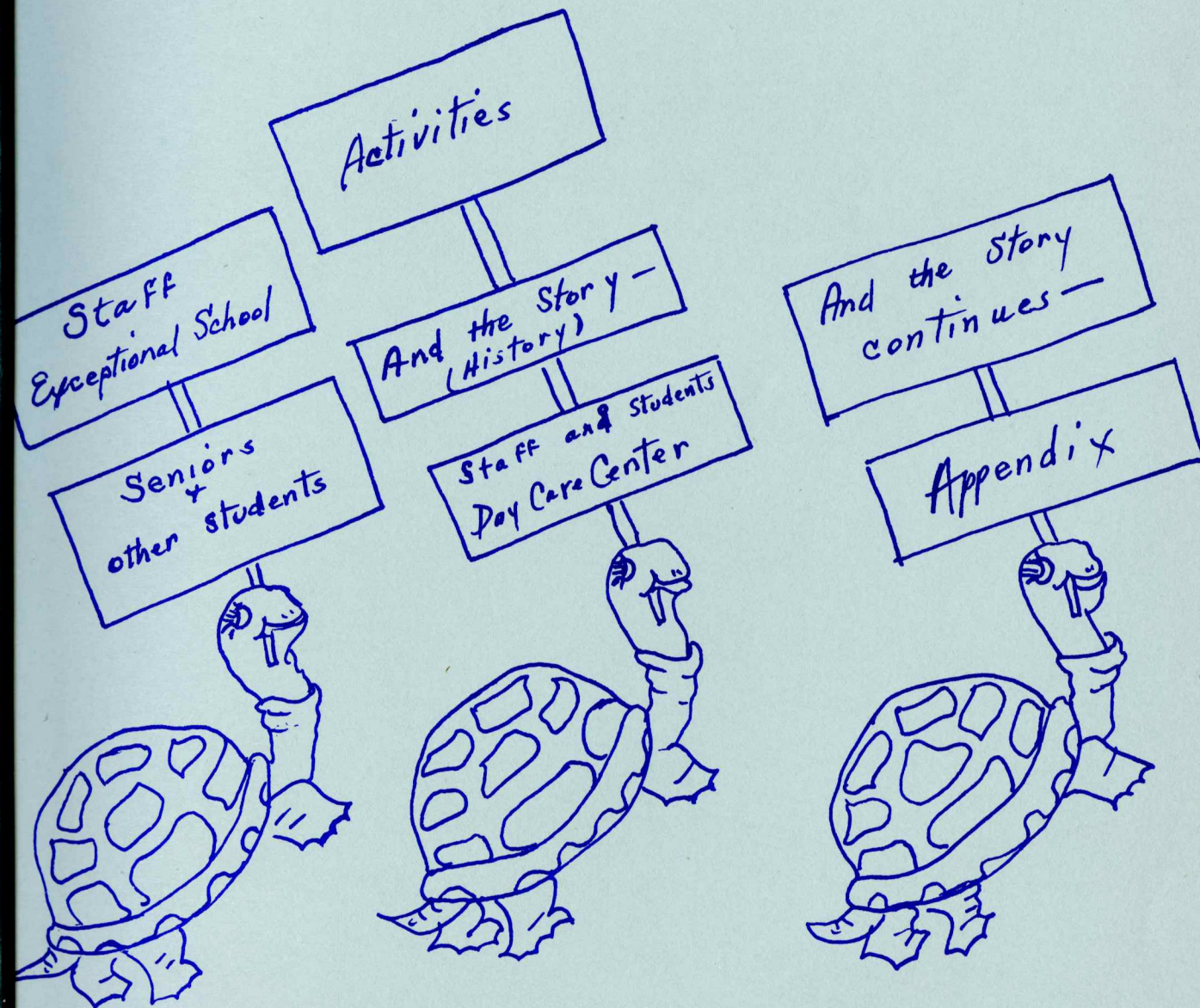
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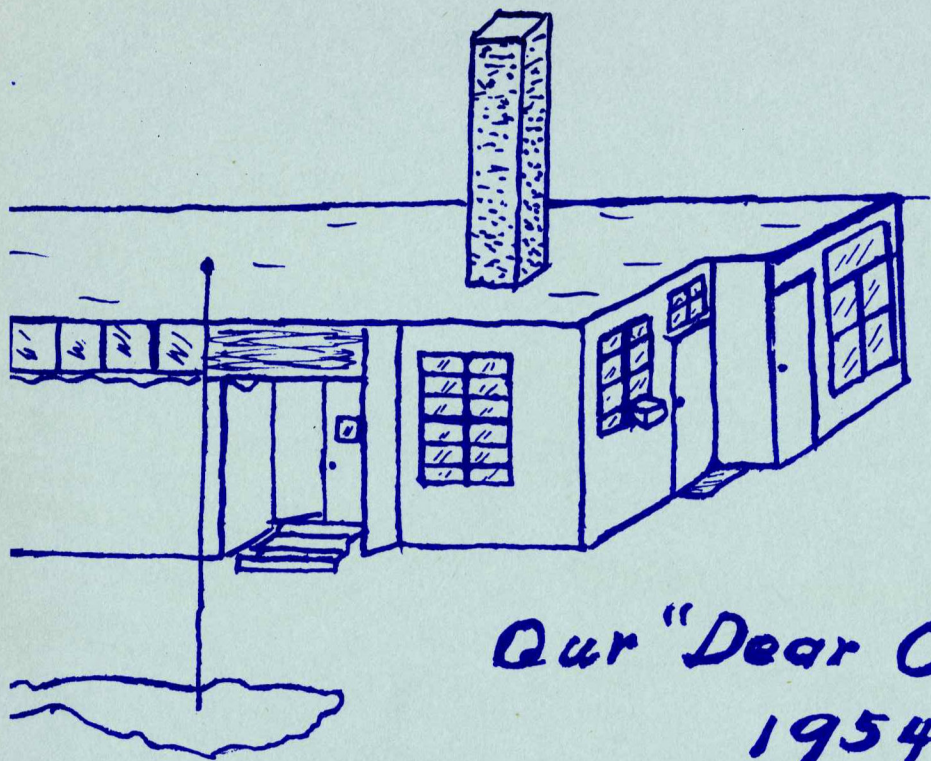
He who sees a need  
and waits to be  
asked for help is  
as unkind as if he  
had refused it.

—DANTE

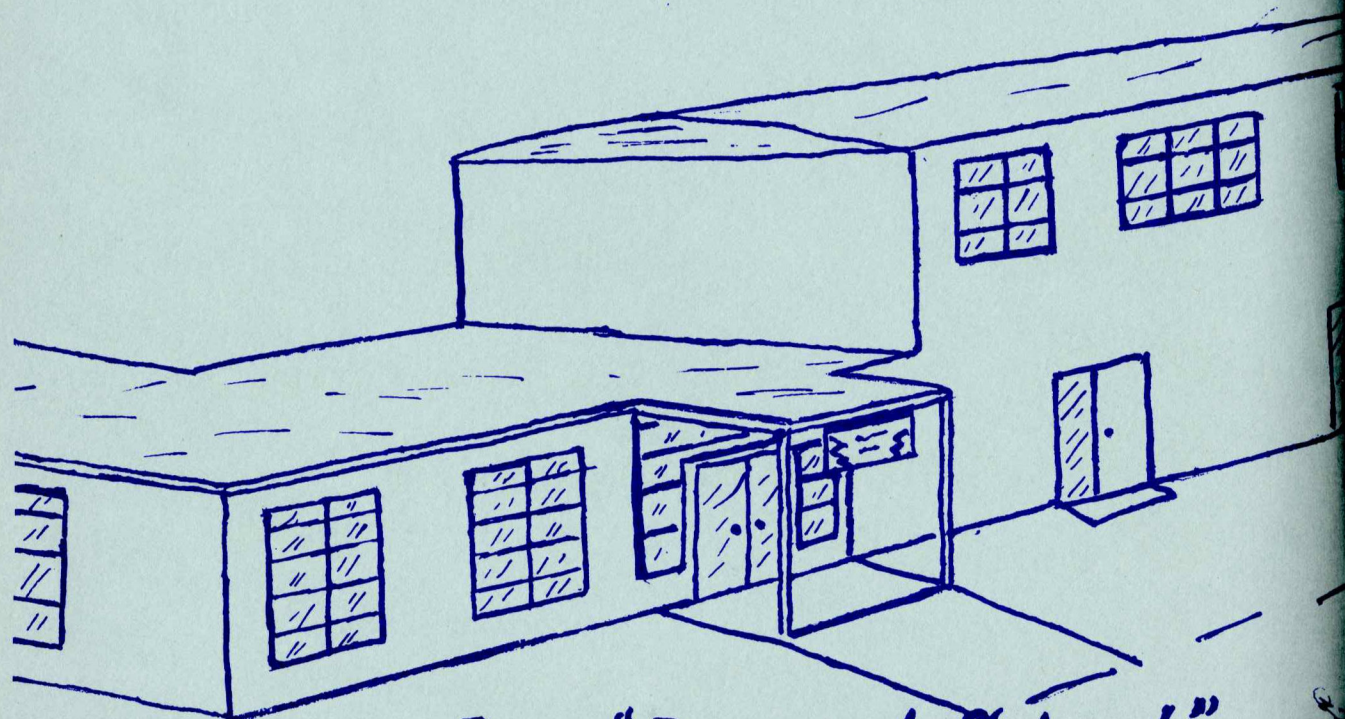
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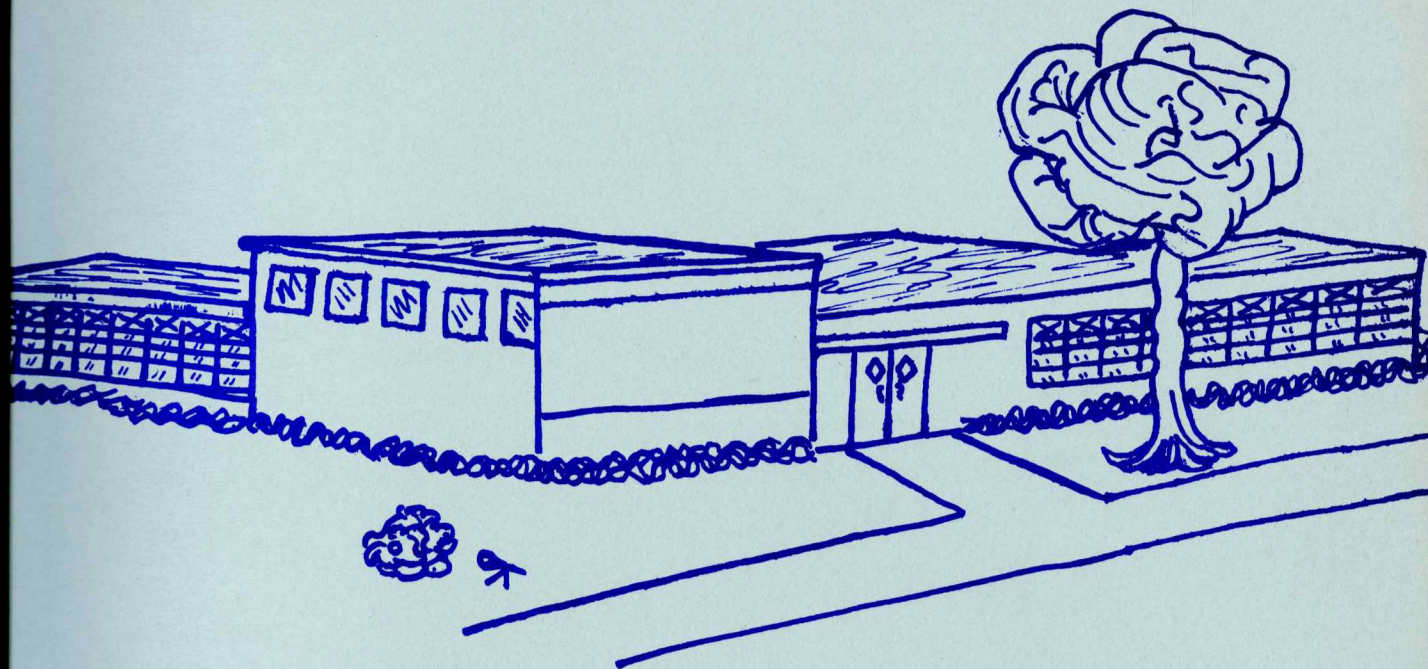




Our "Dear Old School"  
1954 - 1962



Our "Present School"  
1963 - 1965



## Our Dream

With ample classrooms  
With our own cafeteria  
With shop and vocational areas  
With home making units  
With plenty of help  
Needed immediately !!

*John C. McChesney*



# 1964-1965 Staff

1. Maggie L. Beckham, Principal
2. Augusta Steiner, Teacher
3. Katie Franklin, Speech Therapy Teacher
4. John E. White, Teacher
5. Nell Foster, Teacher
6. Virginia Eselin, Teacher
7. Sharon Rockett, Teacher (5 months)
8. Elizabeth White, Bus driver and Teacher-helper
9. J. J. Bowman, Volunteer-helper in Junior Work Shop
10. J. Lucille Powell, Bus driver and Teacher-helper
11. Bernice Cunningham, Volunteer and substitute helper



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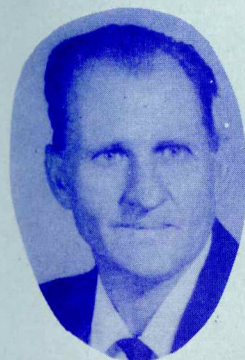
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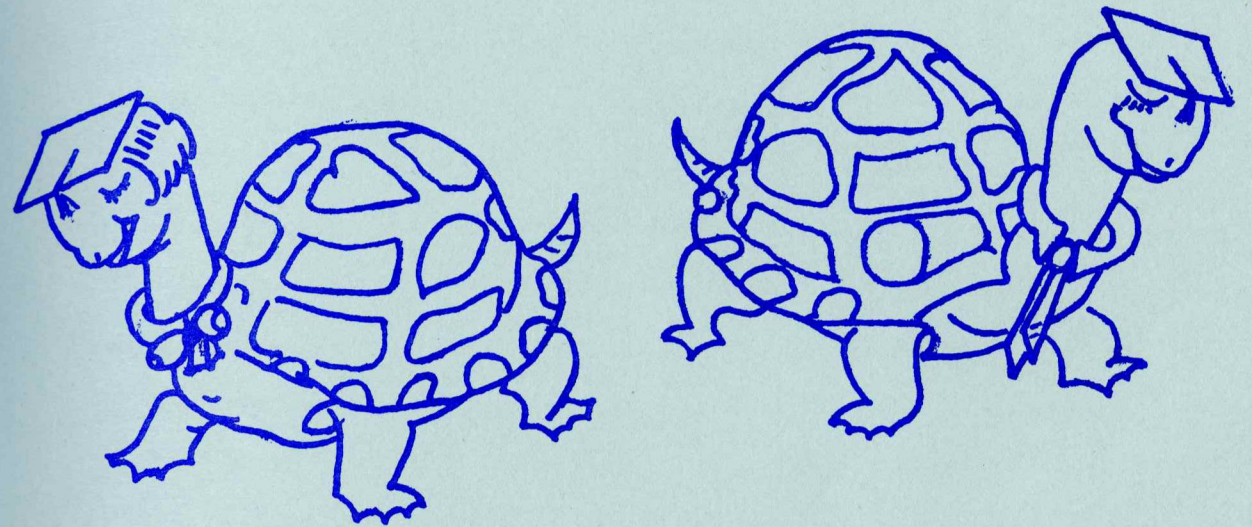


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Do not wish to be  
anything  
but what you are,  
and try  
to be that perfectly

# SENIORS



President: Jacky Robinson  
Secretary: Alice Tillinghast  
Recorder: David Stienner

Flowers: Roses

Colors: Blue and Gold

Motto: Try



Linda Cunningham: "A lass so neat,  
and smile so sweet."

Donald Wayne Dearman: "I believe that we cannot live better than in seeking to become better."

Adell Dixon: "Laughter and knowledge are the qualities of a true woman."

Johnnie Mc. Clain: "Athletic, witty and full of fun; He's made a friend of everyone!"

Alice Tillinghast: "With classic features and soft voice, she is our unanimous choice."

David Steiner: "To have striven, to have made an effort, to have been true to certain ideals... this is worth my struggle."

Jacky Robinson: "Music is his ambition, Laughter is his aim."

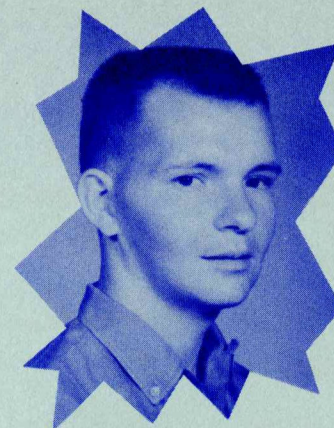
Donald Ray Roberts: "Fearless under frowns, calm in storm, and unyielding in truth."

Mike Benezue: "Once known he is never forgotten for he is worth remembering."

Jim Wilson: "He is distinguished from others by his patience."



Linda Cunningham



Donald W. Dearman



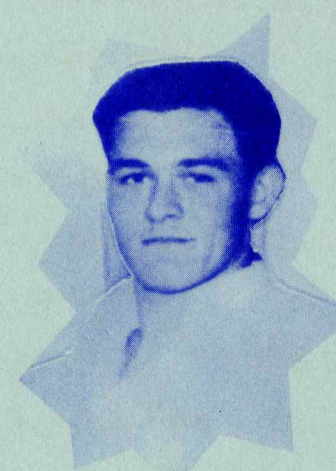
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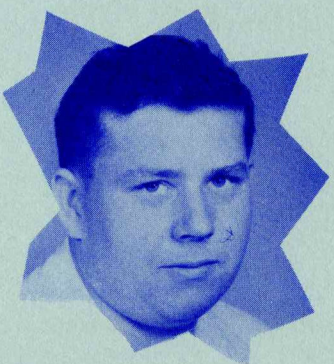
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Alice Tillinghast



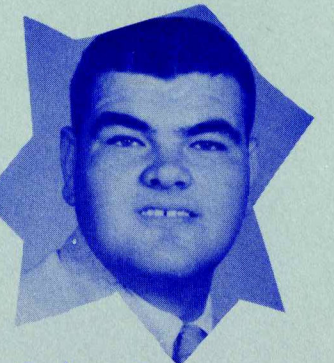
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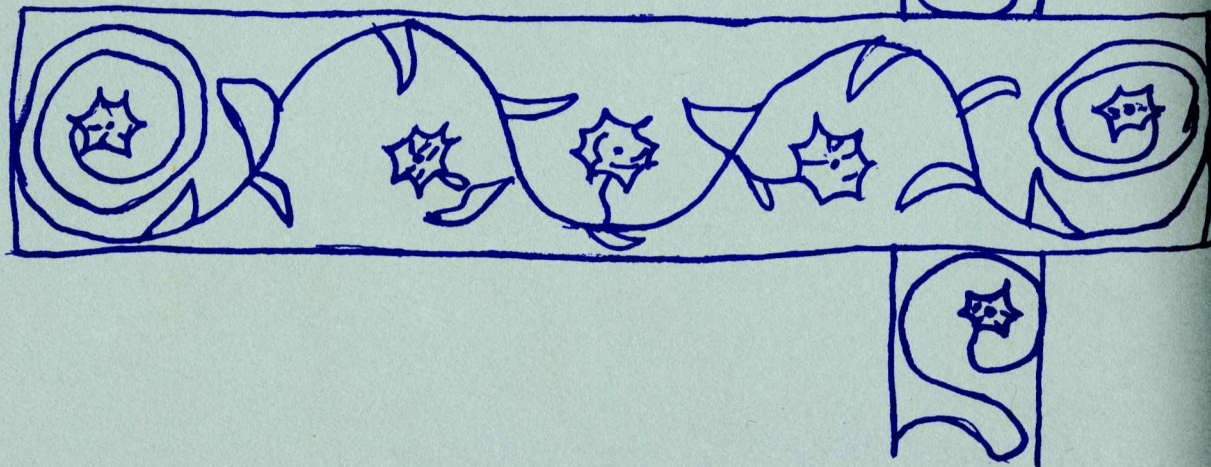


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5. John Yates
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7. Allen Bullock
8. Lyda Roberts
9. Stanley Fielder
10. Kathy Ann Mescoivick
11. Edward Cooper
12. Jackie Jean Fields
13. Mark Richardson
14. Calvin Rowall
15. Sharon Ward
16. George Terry
17. Marie Harrison
18. John Haas





1. Vitto Robbins
2. Cynthia Allen
3. Winfred Cox
4. Danny Robinson
5. Martha Prevost
6. Wayne Waters
7. Lida Taylor
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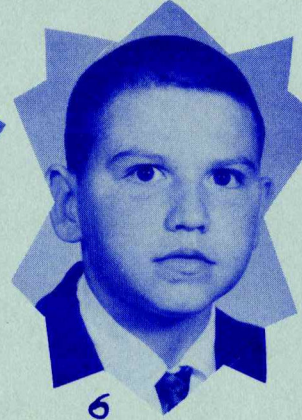
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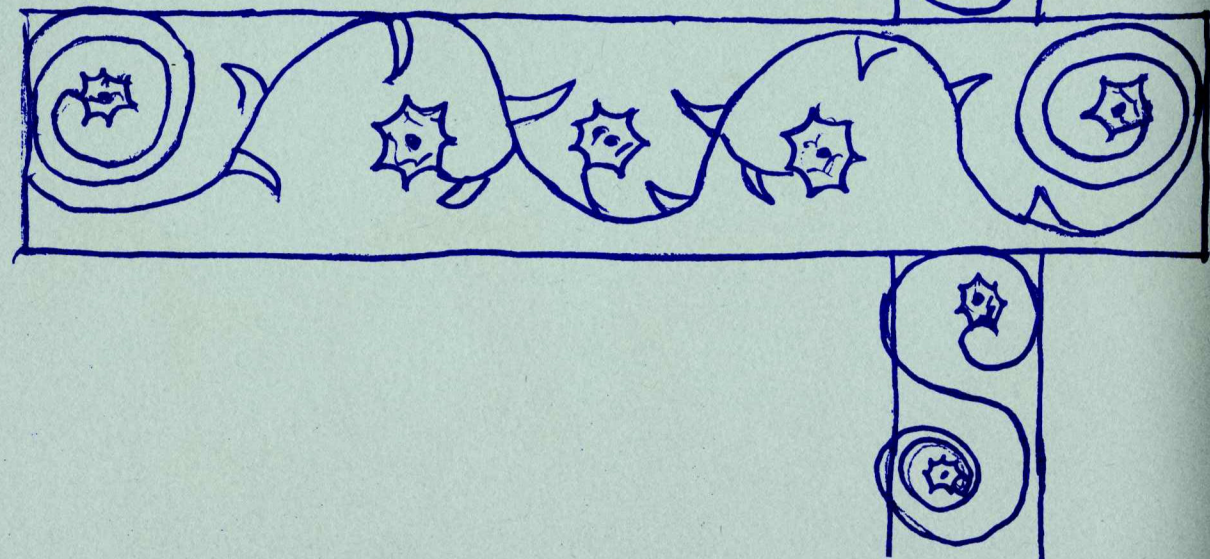
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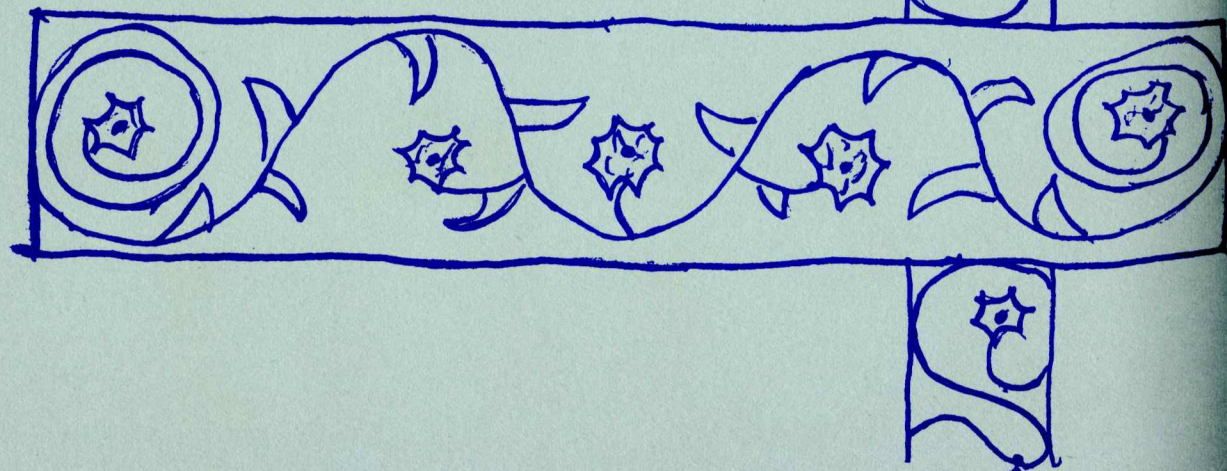


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3. Gellra Russell
4. James Stringer
5. Roger Rutland
6. David Thompkins
7. Jerry Mc Cormick
8. Frank Johnson
9. Gerald Redmond
10. Paul O'Brien
11. Mike Barrow
12. Mike Fortenberry
13. Henry Layfield
14. Tony Hollis
15. Tommy Wilhite
17. Ronald Griffin
18. Noel Bush
19. Edith Smith





1. Bobby Ferguson
2. Lorraine Mc Clintock
3. Larry Stamper
4. Joe Perry Bowen
5. Raymond Ryan
6. David Hablak
7. Eddie "Cricket" Williams
8. Larry Brantly
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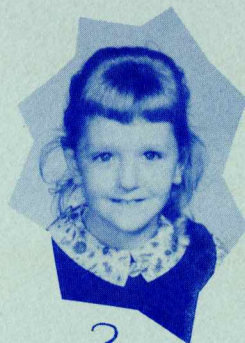




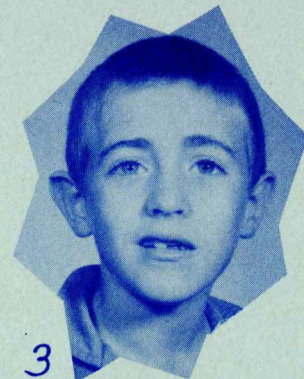
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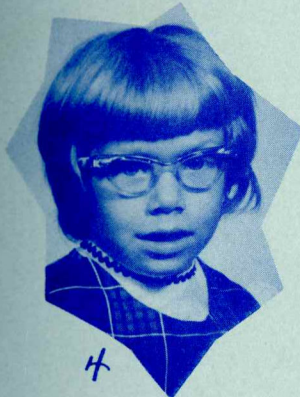
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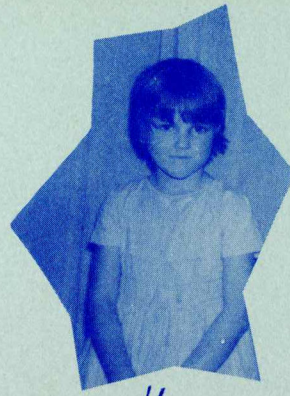
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# A GUIDANCE PROGRAM

by Ernest Fleischer, Madeline Karl and Marguerite Eversden

Accept your child as he is; be realistic about his handicap.

Build up his good points. Look for them and emphasize them.

Children need understanding, patience and supervision whether they are physically handicapped or not.

Doctors, counselors, teachers, and therapists are friends. Cooperate with them. Apply and ask for help with your problems.

Environment is important to any child. Habits and adjustments formed early carry lifetime influence.

Food, shelter, clothing and love are necessities; and the greatest of these is love.

Good discipline is important in your relationship with your children; make sure it is justifiable and consistent.

Help your child when he needs it; but don't deprive him of chances to make decisions for himself.

Independence is gained by encouraging your child toward new experiences.

## PRIMER FOR PARENTS

Joint efforts of mother and father are needed. Work together toward the same goals.

Know as much as possible about your child's handicap. Read. Talk with other parents. Accept information from experienced advisers and ask questions.

Learning can be a rich experience for you and your child.

Mother and father groups exist. Join one because sharing can benefit you and others.

Never waste time and energy bemoaning the handicap. Accept the positive approach by looking toward circumventing limiting conditions.

Optimism can be gained. Work at it. Share it. It's contagious.

Physical handicaps are only one part of the picture. Fundamentally, your child learns and grows like other children.

Qualities of dependence can prevent your child from maturing. Encourage all his efforts at independence.

Remember that your child mirrors your attitude, your personality, and reactions.

Sympathy leads only to a blind alley. Don't indulge yourself.

Training can go on at home as well as in schools, clinics, and hospitals. Help is all around you. Search for it and put it to use every hour of the day.

Understanding comes with time and patience.

Vocational guidance can be secured from counselors; start thinking about this early.

Work is fun turned inside out. Xtra effort is required with a handicapped child but don't neglect the rest of the family.

Your experience as a parent can be made richer if you avoid discouragement.

Zeal is needed in all living. Put it in your attitudes toward your child and yourself.





THE CHAMPAGNE MUSIC OF



LAWRENCE WELK

February 22, 1965

Dear Miss Beckham:

Thank you for your letter. We were happy to learn that your pantomime of our program went so well and we enjoyed hearing about the Denture Creme commercial. I bet it was a lot of fun.

You, of course, have our permission to again pantomime one of our shows and I hope that everyone will get just as much enjoyment out of doing it.

Under separate cover I am sending a couple of our latest albums which I hope the children will like.

My best wishes.

Sincerely,

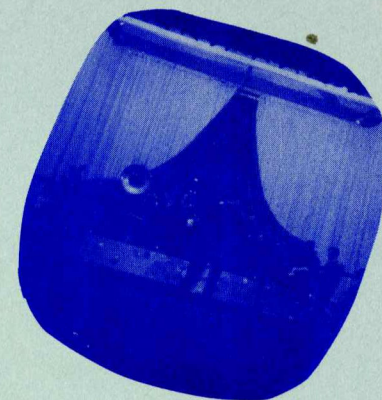
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## Senior Event



## Lawrence Welk Show



Jim Walker &  
Jackie Fields



"Norma & Jim"



"Mr. Welk"



1. Miss Exceptional: Alice Tillinghast  
Mr. Exceptional: Rayland Bosarge
2. Cutiest Couple: Kathy Wescovich  
and Rayland Bosarge
3. Trying couple: Alice Tillinghast  
and Wayne Anglin
4. Wittiest Couple: Dell Dixon  
and Mike Benzeue
5. Friendly couple: Kathie Wescovich  
and Johnnie Mc Clain
6. "Norma and Jim": Sharon Ward  
and Wayne Anglin
7. "Bobby and Barbara": Alice Tillinghast  
and Kathy Wescovich
8. The seniors of 1965, Exceptional  
School
9. Enrollee in Rehab. Program:  
Donald W. Dearmon, D.R. Roberts, Jim Wilson
10. Real music: David Steiner  
and Jacky Robinson
11. "Vocal group" Lawrence Welk
12. "Mr. Welk": Mike Benzeue



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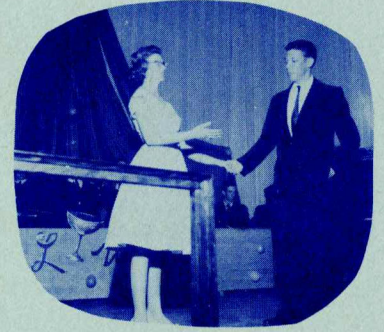
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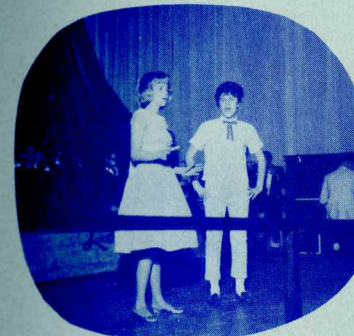
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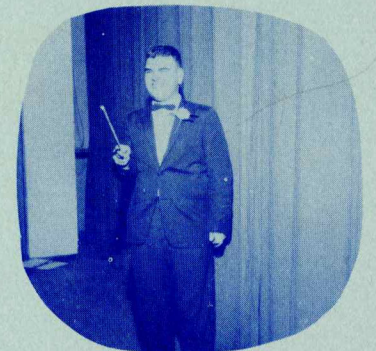
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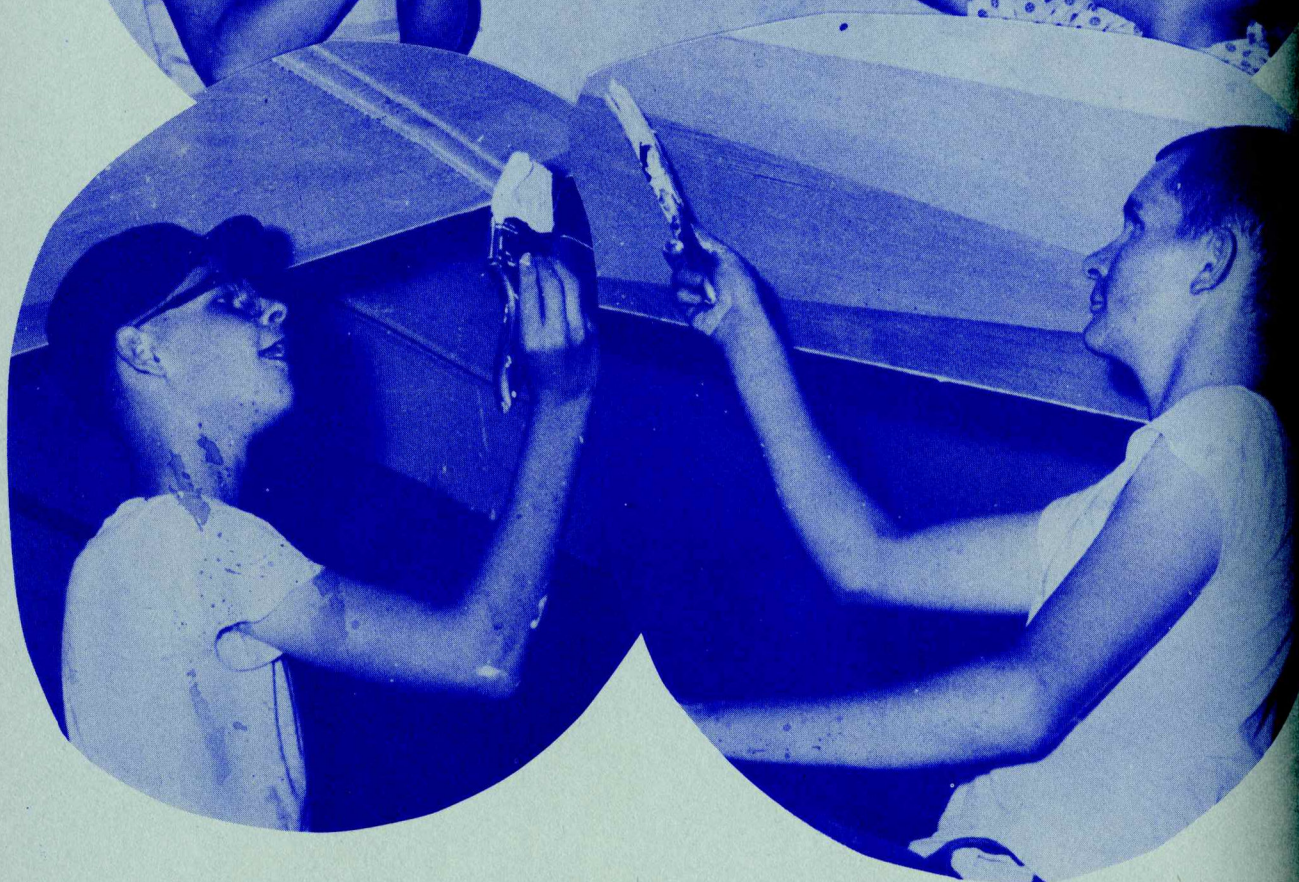


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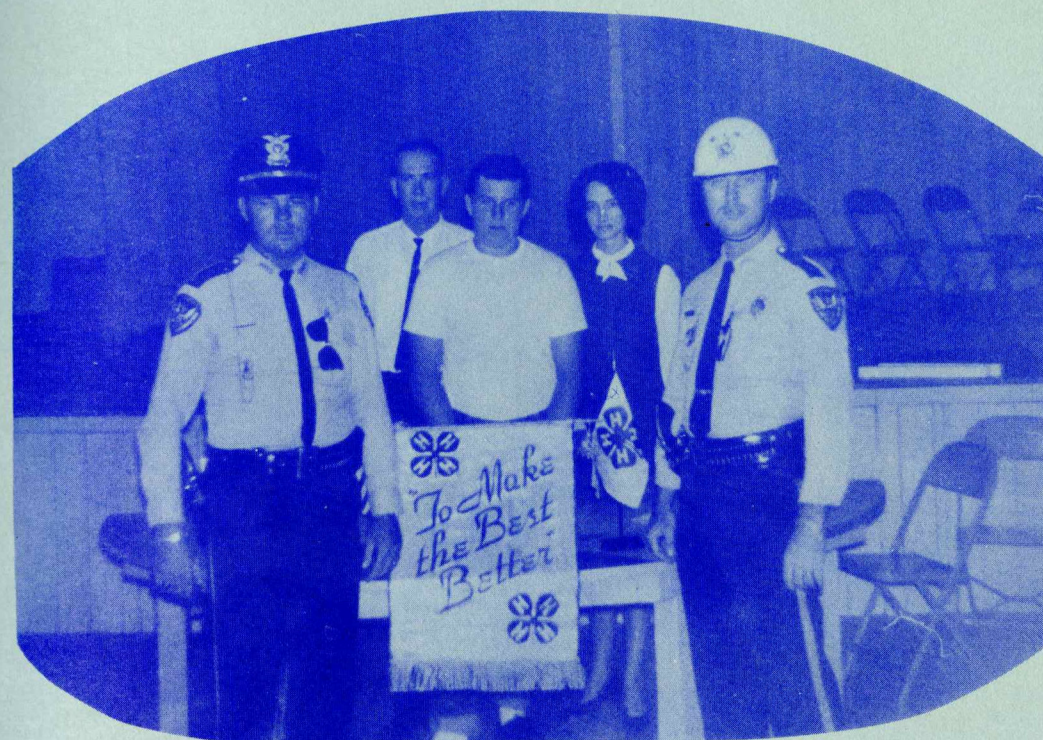


Learning by doing

On-job-training: Sponsored by U.C.P.



1st Fire Drill & Count check



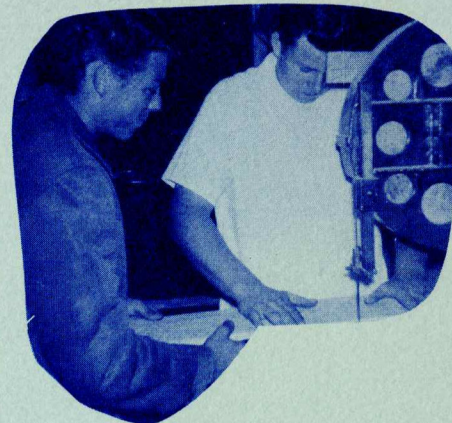
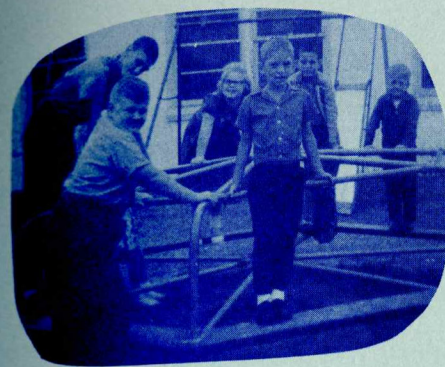
Meet our Law-enforcement friends &  
4-H Leaders — Jackie, President



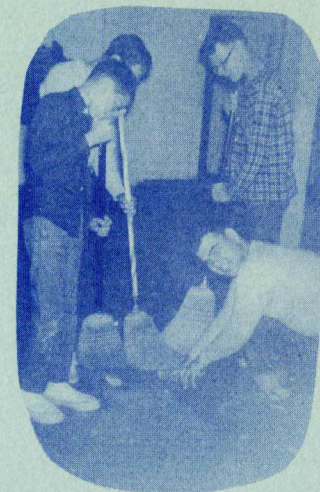
1st place  
winner in  
Essay-  
Alice  
Tillinghest

Roy Haines - Miss. Press Register

Mrs. Grady Baggett accepts gift from Jim Wilson



An Active Day



is over. We pause.



Alice won 1st place





## Health &



## Safety



Guess who  
is a  
big eater



Mr. G.B. Hague  
our  
"Mr. C.P." &  
new buses





And the Story -  
And there was a need: children



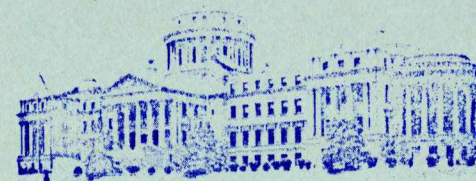
And there was a bill passed:

The Mississippi State Legislature at its 1952 Session passed House Bill No. 51, an act to provide for the education of exceptional children. Section 2, Definition, House Bill 51, as amended by House Bill 224, 1956 Regular Session, defines the exceptional child as "any child of educable and trainable mind under twenty-one years of age for whose particular educational needs institutional care and training are not available in this state, or who cannot pursue regular classwork due to reason or reasons of defective hearing, vision, speech, mental retardation or physical conditions, as determined by competent medical authorities and psychologists, shall be considered an exceptional child for the purpose of this act . . ."

And there was a dedicated group -

# The State of Mississippi

EXECUTIVE

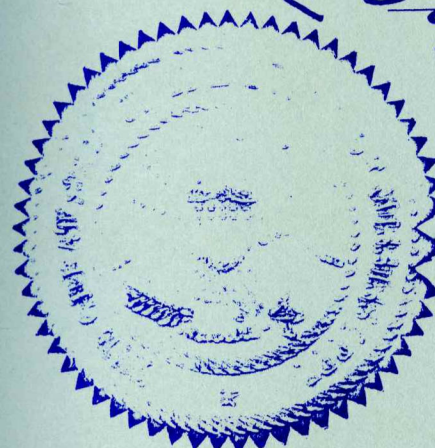


OFFICE

JACKSON

The within and foregoing Charter of Incorporation of

*Who* UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, INC.  
 this Nineteenth day of  
February 19 54  
*made and signed a charter*  
*McPherson*  
 Governor



Receipt No. 10394 L

By the Governor

*Hubert L. Davis*  
 Secretary of State

The start of U.C.P. of J.C.

*Mrs. Henry Gautier*  
 MRS. HENRY GAUTIER

*Ralph C. Davis*  
 RALPH DAVIS

*Thomas J. Dawson*  
 THOMAS J. DAWSON

*James M. Halton Jr.*  
 JAMES M. HALTON JR.

*Thomas S. Leatherbury*  
 THOMAS S. LEATHERBURY

*Floyd W. Jess*  
 F.W. JESS

*J. H. Martin*  
 J. H. MARTIN  
 and made Incorporators

Provisions for local financial support.



And there was a Superintendent who said, "Yes".

Mr. Mack M. Morgan



And there was a grateful mother whose child had benefitted from Special Education And she qualified:

Availability of a teacher certified to teach exceptional children or one who will become certified before September 1 of the year the class is to begin.

And she was Maggie Beckhom R.N.



And there was Mr. W.R. Burris



And we had the —

— services of the State Supervisor of Special Education ready at all times to give every assistance possible in helping the local community and school

And the U.C.P. provided the local monies needed to help with operating and maintenance, and has continued each year.

And on October 4, 1954, the first special school opened its doors.



And ten lucky children entered school, not so lucky because their problems slowed their progress. First party!



And there were heartbreaks when other children were taken back home because the services offered would not benefit them at this time;

And the wonderful

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

came to the rescue of these children;

And the Jackson County Day Care idea became a reality, rendering services to the handicapped pre-school children and those needing custodial supervision to help them become more lovable, livable and less community problem;

And many big and small people helped;

Mrs. Henry Gautier, Charter Member,  
U.C.P. of Jackson County  
Mr. A. C. Bilbo, Suph.  
of Jackson County Schools  
Mr. E. H. Bacot,  
Shriners

Larry Davis,  
student

Mr. J. H. Merton,  
U.C.P. President  
Mayor Ed. Wiggins

Donald  
Ray  
Roberts,  
student





And all the businesses and industries in the county joined together in successful drives to continue these services for children who have special needs.

And every civic organization, also, helped by "adopting" these centers, and supported them financially and continuing interest.

And our Postmen joined in the famous "Postmen Walks" over the nation:



"Keep your porch-lights bright, We walk tonight."

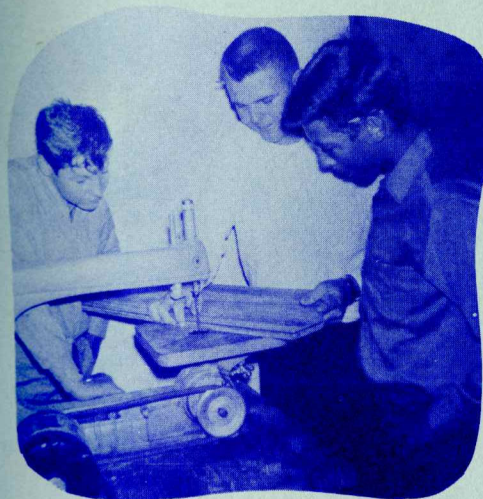
And then along came the United Fund with its many magic hands;

And the U.C.F. became one of those magic hands;

And the U.C.F. annually supports continuing education in the fields of handicapped by grants to those teachers and workers in both centers;



"Mr. United Fund"  
John A. Grant, Jr.



And contributed toward purchasing of shop and home-making equipment to help broaden the services other than the usual curriculum;



And  
under the leadership of our  
Representatives Karl Wissenburg and  
Merle Palmer --

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF JACKSON COUNTY, IN ITS DISCRETION, TO LEVY NOT EXCEEDING ONE-HALF (1/2) MILL PER ANNUM COUNTY-WIDE FOR SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE JACKSON COUNTY SCHOOL FOR EXCEPTIONAL AND MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN AND FOR THE JACKSON COUNTY DAY CARE CENTER.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. That the Board of Supervisors of Jackson County, Mississippi be, and the same is, hereby authorized and empowered in its discretion, to levy not exceeding one-half (1/2) mill per annum and all the taxable property in Jackson County for the purpose of providing funds to aid in the construction, reconstruction, repair, support and maintenance of the Jackson County School for Exceptional and Mentally Retarded Children and the Jackson County Day Care Center.

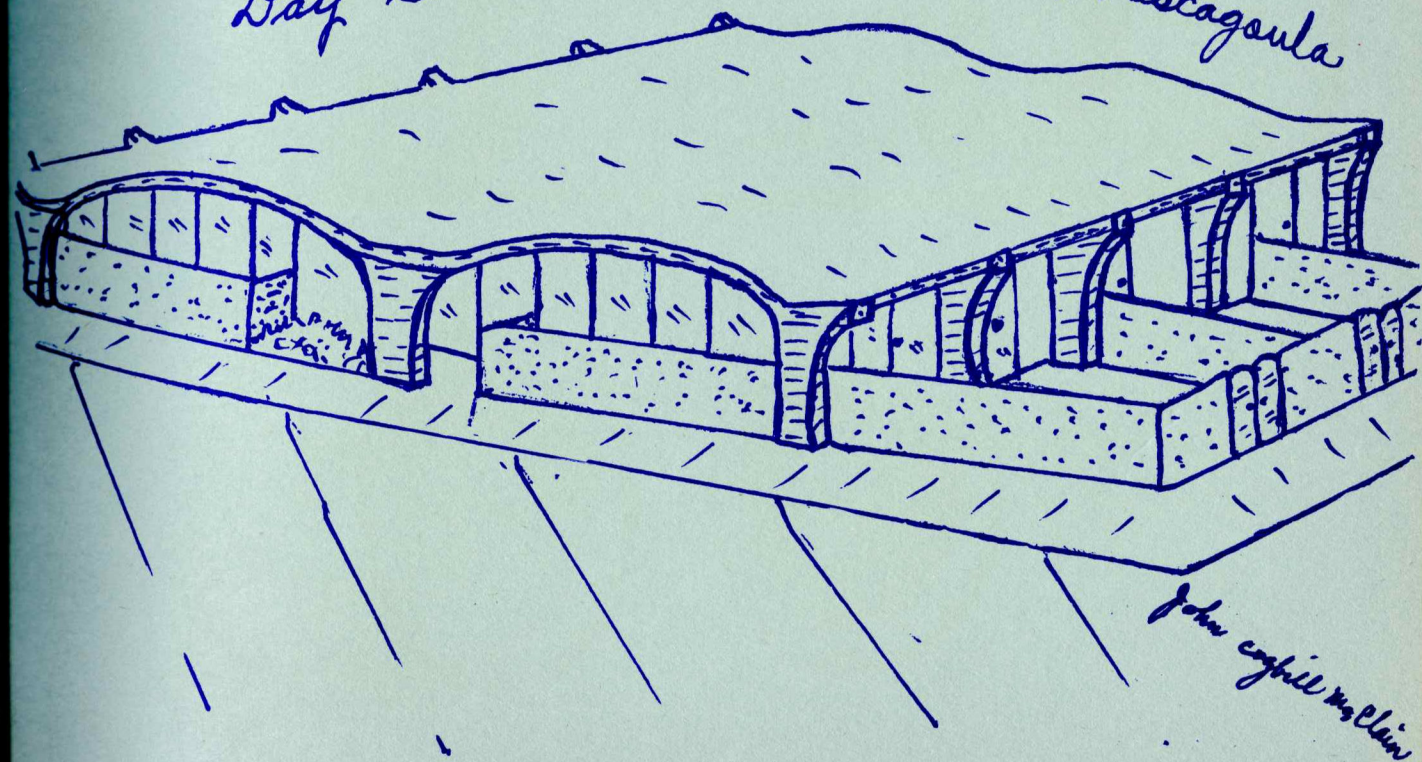
SECTION 2. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.



And  
these dignitaries were present



at the dedication of the beautiful  
Day Care Center on 11th Street, Pascagoula



John Conhill McLean





VIRGINIA S. WILSON



EDWARD A. KHAYAT  
Co-ordinator



MARIE T. GOLSON



MARY LEAH DUBUISSON



LUCILE T. WILSON



BERNICE WEBB



LILLIE MAE WALLACE



Charles Gammil



Eddie Di Santi



Corky Larsen



Bill Smith



Carolyn Martin



Julie McCollough



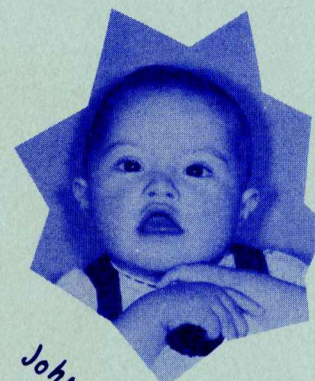
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Joy Pendarvis



Carol Suber



Johnny Sullivan



Wendy Fountain



Ricky McAdory



Neil McDaniel



Linda McLemore



Sue Ellen Green



Gail Gore





Rose Mary Ward



Betty Joe Canfield



Carolyn Scott



Judy Jane Whise



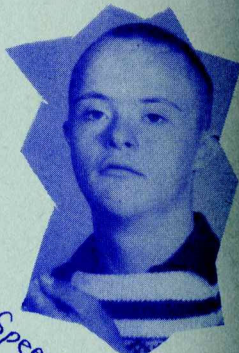
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Alan Moss



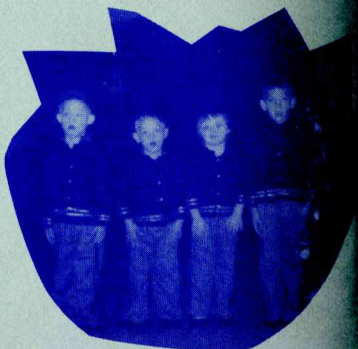
Karen Largilliere



Speedy Moffatt

Christmas

Activities



Phillip Flint



Wayne Blass



Craig Ziegler



Ray Kidd



Janis Hill



Cheryl Krapp



Kay Gray



Judy Tindle



Debbie Hardy



Billy Rinks



Shirley Hudson



George Pickle



Frankie Carlton



Jimmy Page

Former

Students



Sheila Rogers



Stephanie Martin



Betty Barefoot



Charlotte Jackson



## And History Repeated

1. "Woman of the year" honor was extended to Maggie Beckham for her work with the Exceptional School in 1958: Tom Dawson, Merle Palmer, Mrs. Beckham and Mrs. Lill Jerry, Elks Auxiliary President
2. "Outstanding Citizen" award was extended to Mrs. Beckham for her continued work in the Exceptional School by the B.P. & W in 1964
3. Mrs. Beckham's students proclaim her "Woman of the Year, Every School Day," and rejoice in the honor for all the students, parents, teachers and county.





And  
further cognizant of  
the value of experience,  
the U. C. P. supports on-  
the-job-training, school  
related;

And  
provides summer work  
for the older students  
in renovating and  
re-decorating the present  
school building on 12th  
Street, Pascagoula;

And  
there-by has provided the  
first checks many of the  
students had ever received.  
The stipends are based upon  
the interest, stability and  
quality each child demonstrates;



Dell and  
Mr. Wright, on-  
job-training



First checks for  
Linda, Alice and  
Dell, Donald Ray looks  
on



And the school grew and grew  
And many returned to regular classes;

And the enrollment and  
staff increased 300%  
under Jackson  
County's Superintendent,  
Newton Perry Gautier



And a much needed  
new building will  
become a reality in the  
very near future;

And we have our first graduating  
class of ten, 1965  
And they have appeared on TV  
in Jackson and Biloxi to tell  
the story of a slow learner;



1964-65 - History making:  
Selection of rings for the  
Exceptional School and all  
students to follow.

Never-to-be-forgotten moment →





And  
some will go into Vocational  
Rehabilitation Programs with the  
assistance of Mr. James Cooper,  
Counselor.



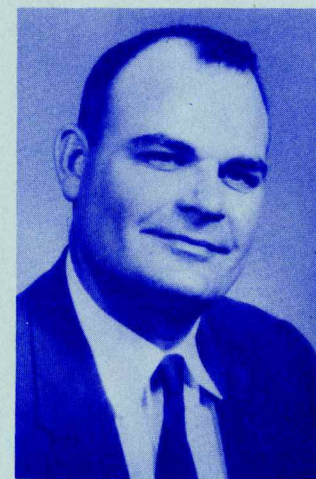
And  
some will go into self-employment

And  
some into regular competitive field

And  
some into trainee programs

And  
we dedicate this first  
annual to our own  
United Cerebral Palsy of  
Jackson County and its Board  
of Directors;

And  
the story does not stop here  
because we will continue under  
the able guidance  
of our new  
Superintendent of  
Education of Jackson  
County:  
Mr. Macland H. Mallette;



And  
forgive us if  
we forgot anyone!



And  
we have  
not  
forgotten  
the Press;

Photographers  
Jerry Moulder  
Chronicle Star

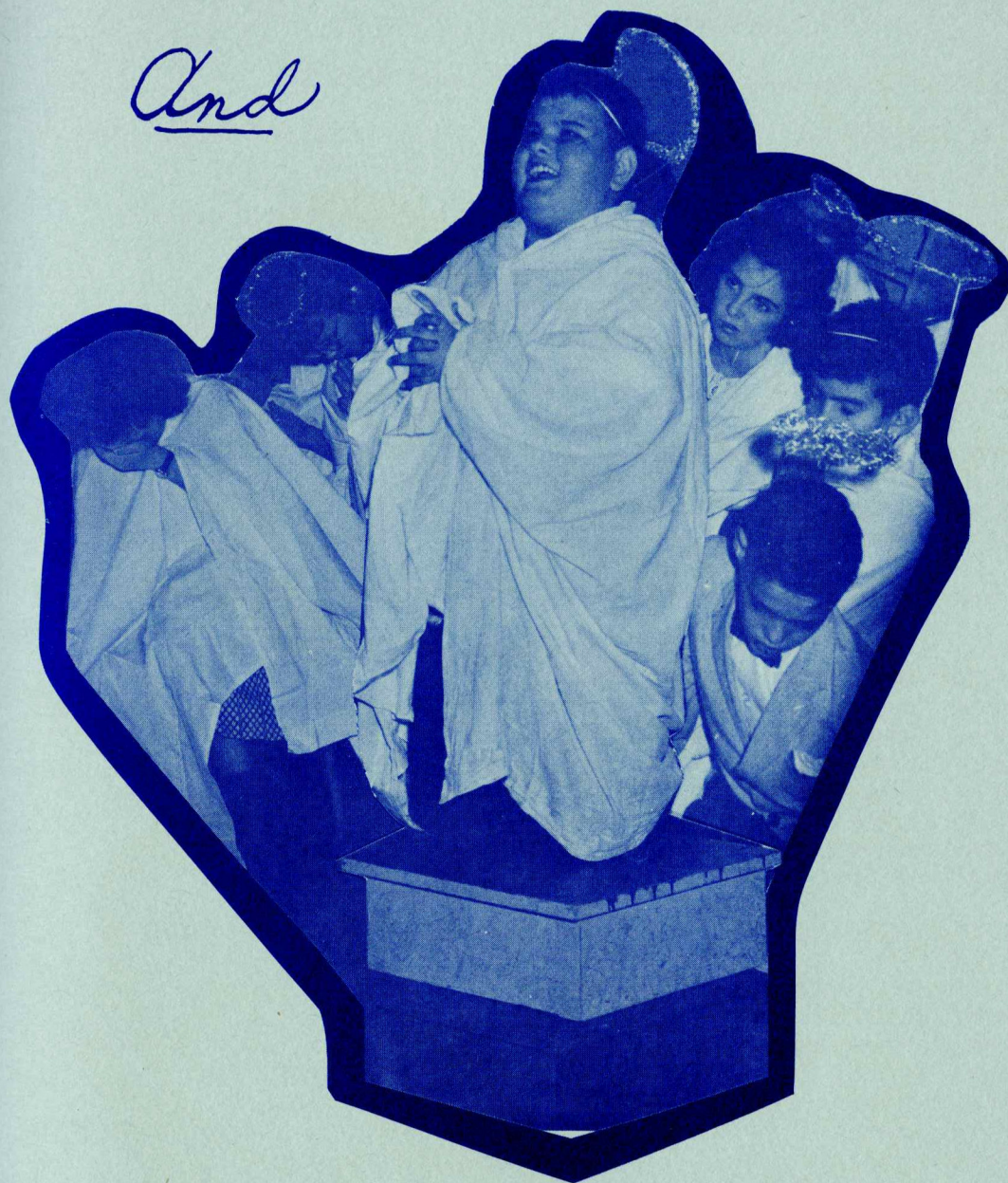


And  
Tom Roper  
Mississippi Press  
Register



And  
our two radio  
stations;  
W.P.M.P. and  
W.A.C.Y.

And



May we always give thanks  
to our Heavenly Father for  
our abundance of blessings!



## APPENDIX

### 1. Staff: Exceptional School of Jackson County

Mrs. Maggie L. Beckham, R.N., B.S., A-Special Education, Principal  
Mrs. Nell Foster, B.S., A-Special Education  
Mrs. Virginia Eselin, B.F.A., A-Special Education  
Mrs. Augusta Hopkins Steiner, B.S., A-Special Education  
Mr. John E. White, B.S.  
Miss Katie Franklin, Speech Therapist  
Mrs. Lucill Powell, Teacher-helper and Bus Driver  
Mrs. Elizabeth White, Teacher-helper and Bus Driver

### 2. Staff: Day Care Center of Jackson County

Mrs. Virginia Wilson, L.P.N., Director  
Mrs. Marie Golson, Assistant Director  
Mrs. Lucille Wilson, Instructor  
Mrs. Mary Leah Dubisson, Instructor

### 3. Dignitaries at dedication of Day Care Center of Jackson County

E.A. Khayat, Board of Supervisor, Jackson County  
Mayor Ben Briggs, Pascagoula  
Fred Moran, President, Board of Supervisors, Jackson County  
Mrs. Virginia Wilson, Director of Jackson County Day Care Center  
Gov-Elect Paul B. Johnson, State of Mississippi  
Maness Bartlett, Supervisor, Jackson County  
Olen Davis, Supervisor, Jackson County  
Lum Cumbest, Supervisor, Jackson County  
Merle Palmer, Atty., State Representative

### 4. United Cerebral Palsy of Jackson County, Board Members:

George B. Hague, President  
Mrs. Shirley Herring, Secretary  
Tom Leatherbury, V.P. Merchant Marine Bank, School Committee  
R.W. Stone, Ingalls, School Committee Member  
Mrs. Archie Gautier, School Committee Member  
N.P. Gautier, Principal, O.S. High School, School Committee  
Joiner Haltom, Jr., V.P. Merchant Marine Bank  
John Milandin, Ingalls  
Lester L. Tuck, Administrator, Singing River Hospital  
Lester Franklin, Atty.  
Wilmer Harris, IPC Personnel Manager  
James Cooper, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor  
Capt. Grover C. Brandt  
E.A. Khayat, Supervisor, Jackson County  
Maness Bartlett, Supervisor, Jackson County  
Marland H. Mallett, Superintendent Jackson County Schools  
Mrs. Grace Steele  
Julius H. Martin, Ingalls



